

South West Committee Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday, 6th January 2021 – 20.00

Via Teams

Present: Heidi Marvin (HM), Chloe Watterston (CW), Kate Nelson-Lee (KNL), Sally Keogh (SK), Clare Stoots (CS), Victoria Westwood (VW)

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| 1 | Apologies for absence:  None; HM questioned whether Paul Jenkins (PEJ) was aware of meetings etc on Teams – he has had a very busy family year; HM to make contact | HM |
| 2 | Minutes of last 2 meetings: approved  HM gave a run-down of her Zoom meeting with Mark Coups this afternoon:   * officially no EL lacrosse before April, including Senior Regionals (not announced yet) * encouraging everyone to move what we can into the summer * EL restrictions unlikely to be lifted before 4th April * better light in the spring/summer may help open up venue options * anticipate undergraduate/school participation for summer events will be high * EL: * Have resources for Regions for summer activities: communications + financial * discounting courses * encouraging charitable fundraising so that lacrosse is doing something to ‘give back’ but also to keep active/engaged (eg raise funds for laptops for children home-schooling et) * CW suggested creating Just-giving page for eg Strava run x miles, or x no of passes   SW/EL Budget 2021-22: HM to speak to Neil Edgar   * KNL suggested repeating budget request from current season * CS asked if we have drawn down all funds from EL this year * KNL to check deadline for budget submission at next NLC meeting | HM  KNL |
| 3 | NLC Update – none; meeting in two weeks |  |
| 4 | Senior Regionals:   * No need to appoint coaches as confirmed by EL that tournament will not take place this season * SW social media announcement **after** EL announcement * Email the four candidates to advise no selection will be made at this stage given the Covid-19 situation/EL suspension of all national activity * Arrange a couple of senior ‘play days’ in the summer (May/June?) which coaching applicants will be invited to coach: participation anticipated to be high given lack of play, good opportunity to progress plans for development of senior lacrosse in SW * Dates of ‘play days’ to be decided in March * Also need to plan early for dates and venues for trials/training next year (March?) | VW  CW |
| 5 | Super Counties/Schools:   * confirmed Super Counties not taking place * opportunity to establish SW schools league for next season? * KNL + SK: SW schools’ meeting timetabled for tomorrow has been postponed * No SW school events this term * Consider in March something for schools in summer term, especially UVI: tournament at Marlborough College or St Swithuns? Or ‘play days’ on Sundays? * Discuss in March ideas for schools next season |  |
| 6 | Senior League:   * Refunds to Clubs for cancelled fixtures: not discussed but schedule of refunds to be issued has been submitted to CW by VW * EL/Government expect current lockdown to continue to 31/3 to a greater or lesser extent * League suspended until we can return to Phase 4, unlikely to be this season (SE have managed to do less so far than SW?) * Might be possible to facilitate friendlies if restrictions lift towards the end of the term * CW suggested regular (fortnightly?) zoom calls/quiz activities to keep clubs engaged; VW sceptical about participation for social activities; KNL suggested putting on individual talks/workshops eg ‘goal keeping for England’(SK), ‘going through umpiring qualifications’(VW), ‘life as a midfielder’, ‘creating a new club as a coach’ * ask Charlotte Williams at Downe House to extend invitation to her sessions to clubs, unis and schools in the SW * other potential participants:   - Northern Soul - stringing  - member of England Squad from SW  - Zoe (Portsmouth) - stringing  - Dave Abini – coaching/setting up a new club  - Alex Drewe – lacrosse after uni  - Iona Westwood – recovery from long-term injury  -> Use Zoom to transmit and record: ? link each talk with a relevant charity  -> use SW social media to repost what other clubs, unis are doing   * Summer: tournament for clubs, invite undergraduates and school leavers to participate (discuss further at next meeting) * Invite clubs/unis/schools to do SW social media take-overs: have rota one a week   -> create template: send a photo, proudest moment, what’s your club’s vibe, drills for youngsters, favourite lockdown lacrosse activity, would you like to do a full ‘takeover’ etc; VW to share template invitation with Clubs   * VW asked for greater clarification re access to EL funds for clubs under financial duress due to Covid-19 – pitch and training costs, potential refunds to club subscriptions as season so reduced (already mentioned at Bath committee meeting); suggested central plan needed – do clubs apply to region or EL?; SW may need to return unused funds? HM will speak to Mark Coups | CW  VW  HM  VW  CW/KNL  VW  HM |
| 7 | Any other business:   * CW asked when the next SW schools’ meeting will be as QAS had some queries; SK suggested the schools’ WhatsApp group could be extended beyond heads of departments to exchange ideas | SK/KNL/CW |
| 8 | Date of next meeting:  Tuesday, 9th March 2021 at 19.30 |  |